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ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, 1874.

THE Council met on the 13th of March, 1874, at the Fountain Hotel, Canterbury, nine Members being present, with EARL AMHERST in the Chair.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the representations of the Council had been cordially received, and acted upon, by the Trustees of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Chapel at Chatham, and that the Norman windows, recently brought to light there, would be preserved and restored. He likewise reported that Colonel Hall had, at his own expense, erected a substantial railing around the ruins of the ancient chancel of Stone Church, near Faversham.

Twenty-two new members were elected.

Thanks were voted to Mr. G. A. Cape for a copy of Archdeacon Smith's "History of Erith;" to Mr. Buss of Chart Sutton for loan of the seal of the Sub-prior of Motynden; and to Colonel Hall for enclosing the chancel of Stone Church.

THE JUNE meeting of the Council was held on the 19th of that month, at the house of the noble President in London. Ten members were present, with Earl Amherst in the Chair.

It was resolved that the Annual Congress should be held on the 29th and 30th of July, at Folkestone.

It was resolved that (as the cost of producing royal quarto volumes of "*Archæologia Cantiana*" has exceeded the receipts from the sale thereof by £150) quarto copies shall henceforth be printed for only such old subscribers as shall have paid for all the quarto volumes previously issued to them; and for no one else. Also, that this resolution be communicated to the nine surviving recipients of quarto copies.

Eleven new members were elected.

THE GENERAL MEETING for the year 1874 was held at Folkestone on the 29th and 30th of July, there being present:—

Earl Amherst, President; Sir Walter Stirling; Sir G. Gilbert Scott; Archdeacon Harrison; Canon J. Craigie Robertson and Mrs. Robertson; Canon Jenkins; General McQueen; Colonel and Mrs. Cox; Major Kirkpatrick and family; Captain Tylden Pattenson and family; G. Ward Norman, Esq., Mrs. and Miss Norman; W. F. Browell, Esq.; G. E. Hannam, Esq.; C. Powell, Esq.; T. G. Peckham, Esq.; F. M. Lewin, Esq.; H. Curling, Esq.; Archibald Hamilton, Esq., and Mrs. Hamilton; H. B. Mackeson, Esq.; F. S. D. Tyssen, Esq.; K. W. Wilkie, Esq.; W. Wightwick, Esq. (Mayor of Folkestone); W. Bateman, Esq.; Stuart Knill, Esq.; F. P. Cotton, Esq.; Robert Furley, Esq.; C. Baily, Esq.; Benjamin Scott, Esq.; J. R. Scott, Esq.; the Revs. J. Fuller Russell, R. P. Coates, A. J. Pearman, Hughes Hallett, F. E. Tuke, E. J. Selwyn, W. Powell, C. J. D'Oyly, A. L. Hussey, E. H. MacLachlan, B. St. John Tyrwhitt, T. Cornthwaite, G. B. Perry, W. A. Johnston, F. Haslewood, Dr. Haslewood, J. R. Cooke, S. H. Cooke, T. H. Candy, M. Woodward, E. C. Lucey, R. C. Swan, F. T. Scott, A. T. Browne, J. F. Thorpe, C. H. Wilkie, W. Green, F. W. Baker, Thomas Robinson, Walker Flower, S. Hornibrook, E. B. Finlay, and Thomas Briggs; Drs. Bowles, W. Carr, Farr, Fitzgerald, Kersey, Knight, Lewis, W. H. Tayler, Wildash, and Wilkinson; J. F. Wadmore, Esq.; Thomas Thurston, Esq., and Miss Thurston; W. T. Neve, Esq., and Miss Neve; W. J. Jeaffreson, Esq., and Mrs. Jeaffreson; F. C. J. Spurrell, Esq.; F. F. Giraud, Esq.; S. Kennard, Esq.; F. P. Fellowes, Esq., and Mrs. Fellowes; T. Appach, Esq.; J. J. Cayley, Esq.; T. F. Peacock, Esq.; E. Norwood, Esq.; C. H. Woodruff, Esq.; S. Seaton, Esq.; E. T. Luck, Esq.; C. Neve, Esq.; Hon. Cox, Esq.; Messrs. C. Golding, T. Cabban, G. Payne, jun., R. Wells, G. Punnett, T. Bullard, C. Bullard, W. Tarbutt, F. Brothers, R. J. Fremlin, J. Wheelwright, W. Coleman, W. J. Lightfoot, Bulmer, Bolton, R. Cannon, W. P. Mummery, E. W. Fry,

S. M. Payne, A. Bottle, R. H. Jones, F. Jones, T. S. Stokes, A. Hudson, C. Beaumont, J. Weston, R. Hicks, G. R. Friend, H. B. Farnall, S. T. Harris, James Reid, J. Shaw, G. Lambert, J. H. Turner, W. H. Turner, J. Parsons, A. Pout, R. Hovenden, J. Tavenor Perry, Mrs. Rawes, Miss Devaynes, the Misses Twigg, and a large number of ladies.

A PRELIMINARY MEETING for dispatch of business was held in the Railway Bell Hotel, Folkestone, the Earl Amherst in the Chair :—

The Annual Report, read and adopted, was as follows :—

In presenting their seventeenth Annual Report, the Council of the Kent Archaeological Society have once more to congratulate its members upon its continued and increasing prosperity.

During the past twelve months fifty-seven new members have been enrolled, and fifteen more await election at your hands to-day. The total number is greater than usual.

In accordance with the hope expressed in their last Report, the Council have been enabled recently to issue the ninth volume of "*Archæologia Cantiana*." As the proceedings of three Annual Meetings are embodied in that volume, its bulk exceeds that of any of its predecessors, and it is larger than future volumes will usually be. Its total cost, however, is not greater than usual, being but £417. Towards this sum, the Council have to acknowledge with gratitude the gift of £10. 17s., presented by Canon Jeffreys for the cost of four wood blocks, illustrative of Hawkhurst Church. The expense of all the illustrations in Vol. IX. amounted to £127 (including paper), and the Council would invite the attention of members to the need of an increase in the number of donors to the Illustration Fund, if they desire that volumes should be issued more rapidly than they have been, and yet be illustrated as profusely as heretofore.

Since the last Annual Meeting several old manor houses in Kent have been pulled down. From that at East Farleigh, the Curator of the Maidstone Museum (who is our Assistant Secretary) has been enabled to secure, for that Museum, the timberwork of the oldest portion of the house, which will be re-erected in the Museum grounds. The Council of this Society would venture, once more, to submit that its members will render good service to archæology if they will secure photographs, or accurate drawings, of any ancient buildings which are doomed to destruction. Such photographs, or drawings, will be welcome additions to the Society's library at Maidstone.

After a cheque for our printers, which will be signed to-day, has been paid, the balance at our bankers will be £412. 15s. 3d.

At Folkestone, as everywhere, the Society is receiving a warm and hearty welcome. The Mayor of the town, and many kind friends, have cheerfully laboured to make the Meeting pleasant, profitable, and successful; the two Kentish railways have once more granted to our members exceptional privileges, and the Radnor Club in Folkestone has generously offered to our members the use of their club-house in the Sandgate Road.

The retiring Members of Council, and the Auditors, were re-elected.

W. J. Jeaffreson, Esq., was appointed Hon. Local Secretary for Folkestone, and the Rev. W. Frank Shaw for Sandwich and its neighbourhood. Fifteen new members were elected.

Carriages being in readiness, the members were conveyed to the Castle Hill, commonly called Caesar's Camp, where Mr. Jeaffreson read a paper upon the earthworks; it is printed on page xliv. Thence the company proceeded to Paddlesworth Church, where they were courteously received by Canon Jenkins, who described the quaint little church; his remarks will be found at page xlix. Returning to Folkestone, the old parish church was next visited, where the vicar, the Rev. M. Woodward, kindly received the Society, and read a paper, which had been prepared by the Honorary Secretary; it is printed on page liv.

Dinner was at half-past four o'clock in the Town Hall, Folkestone, EARL AMHERST in the Chair. One hundred and twenty-six sat down. The usual toasts were given and duly honoured.

After dinner, the evening meeting was held in the Council Chamber (adjacent to the dining-room) when the Mayor of Folkestone presided, and papers were read (i.) by Canon Jenkins on "The Municipal Records of Folkestone" (see page lxix); (ii.) by Mr. G. Bedo on "Kentish Dialect;" and (iii.) by the Honorary Secretary on "John Philipot, the Herald," a native of Folkestone (see page lxxxvi). Other papers on "The Discovery of the Circulation of the Blood," and on "Gleanings respecting Mediæval Folkestone," were not read, from lack of time (see pages xcvi and civ).

On Thursday, July 30th, 1874, Westenhanger Station was

the place of rendezvous, whence carriages conveyed members to Horton Priory, which was admirably described by Mr. C. Baily.

Elham Church was then visited. The vicar, the Rev. Walker Wodehouse, courteously received the company, and described to them the library of old books in the church. He likewise read a paper which had been prepared by the Honorary Secretary; it is printed in this volume. Many of the members inspected an old carved chimney-piece, in a house within the market place at Elham.

Proceeding to Lyminge Church, the Society was received by Canon Jenkins, the rector, who described the various portions of the present building, and of the ancient remains which have been discovered in and beyond the churchyard. He also read a paper descriptive of ancient Basilicas, in connection with the earlier church at Lyminge (see page ci).

At Horton Park, the Society was most hospitably received and entertained by Major and Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

The Rev. G. B. Perry received the members at Brabourne Church, which was lucidly described by Sir G. Gilbert Scott. The substance of his remarks will be found on a later page. The tombs of the Scott family were illustrated by a paper from Mr. James R. Scott.

This concluded the day's excursion, and the members returned to Westenhanger Station, where a few of them visited the ruined towers of Westenhanger House.

During the two days of meeting, a temporary museum was open in one of the rooms of the Town Hall at Folkestone. Among the objects of interest kindly lent for exhibition were Roman pottery from Sugar-loaf Hill (near Cæsar's Camp), by Mr. W. Bateman; a large Roman brick from Folly Fields, Folkestone, and funeral urns from Saltwood, with a piece of tessellated Roman pavement, lent by the Folkestone Town Museum; Roman pavement from Boulogne, lent by the Mayor of Folkestone; Roman implements from Rainham, lent by Mr. W. Walter; white ware Roman vase, with human mask upon the lip, lent by Dr. John Grayling; Roman lamp and key from Dover, lent by Mr. E. W. Fry; Roman pottery from Horton Park, lent by Major Kirkpatrick; mediæval carved wooden panels,

two chairs of early 17th century, a carved cabinet and two tapestry-covered boxes of the same period, tapestry and an embroidered silk coat, a Cromwellian helmet, brass sconces, brass candlesticks, and various specimens of china of the 17th and 18th centuries, all kindly lent by R. Cannon, Esq., of Sandgate; rubbings from brasses in Cheriton Church, lent by Mr. Percy Wightwick; a rubbing of the brass of Sir John d'Aubernon the Younger, lent by Miss Grayling, as illustrative of the ancient effigy in the chancel of Folkestone Church; photographs of Folkestone Church in 1856, lent by the Mayor, who also lent a small Prayer-book and Bible of 1625; folio black letter Bible of 1591, lent by Mr. Morford, town beadle; a silver snuff-box presented by Charles I. to Christopher Jeaffreson, Master of the Hounds, lent by W. J. Jeaffreson, Esq.; Queenboro' Corporation MSS. and Brief, lent by Mr. Josiah Hall; collection of old Kentish engravings, lent by Mr. E. Mackie Gibbs.

On 23rd October, 1874, the Council met in the Society's rooms at Maidstone. Eight members were present, with Earl Amherst in the Chair.

The following resolution, moved by Earl Stanhope, was carried:—

"The Council of the Kent Archæological Society, learning that the Royal Archæological Institute intend, in the course of the next summer, to hold their meeting at Canterbury, are desirous to shew them every mark of respect in their power, but it would be still more gratifying to them, and perhaps they may venture to add, still more conducive to the interests of archæology at large, if there could be an amalgamation or common action on this occasion between the two Societies. They are aware that there would be some practical difficulties in the way, but if the Royal Archæological Institute should be animated by a similar desire, the Council of the Kent Archæological Society would gladly welcome and respectfully consider any practical suggestions which the Institute might offer to facilitate such a junction."

The Rev. R. P. Coates and Mr. Spurrell, being members of the Council of both Societies, were requested by the Council of the Kent Archæological Society to present this resolution to the Council of the Royal Archæological Institute.

Four new members were elected.

Thanks were voted to Mr. Jeaffreson for his paper on "The Castle Hill," and for much help at the Folkestone meeting; to Rev. A. L. Hussey for the great trouble kindly taken by him in the issuing of tickets for the carriages and for the dinner; to the Mayor of Folkestone for the use of the Town Hall; to Canon Jenkins for his papers read at the meeting; to Mr. R. Cannon of Sandgate for much help with the Museum; to Major Kirkpatrick for his generous hospitality at Horton Park; to Revs. M. Woodward, W. Wodehouse, G. B. Perry, and Dean Mantell, Sir G. Scott, Mr. C. Baily, Mr. J. R. Scott, and Mr. Bedo; for help, kindness, and courtesy during the meeting; to Mr. F. C. Brooke for copies of lithographic etchings of the Cobham brasses; to Mr. C. Roach Smith for a copy of his "Rural Life of Shakespeare;" to the two railway companies for privileges granted to the Secretary and members.

The Council then adjourned until the 4th of December, when they met again in the Society's rooms at Maidstone. Seven members were present, with Earl Amherst in the Chair.

The courteous reply of the Royal Archæological Institute having been read, it was resolved that a Special General Meeting be summoned for the purpose of so altering the rules of the Kent Archæological Society, as to admit of the Annual General Meeting being held in the same division of the county during two successive years, if the Council think fit. This alteration would be necessary before the Society could amalgamate with the Institute in a visit to East Kent during 1875.